PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: Examiner: NYA Weitong Shi, et al. Group Art Unit: NYA Application No.: 09/994,073 / Filing Date: November 27, 2001 For: ELASTOMER TOUGHENED RADIATION CURABLE ADHESIVE May 20, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Licensing and Review

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

TO 1700 TO 1700 Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Communication mailed April 4, 2002 in connection with this application.

Applicants enclose herewith Declarations of each of the co-inventors involved in the application as well as a copy of the Communication.

Although none is believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due in connection with this submission or credit any over payment of fees to that account. 12-2135. A duplicate of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (860) 571-5001 or by facsimile at (860) 571-5028.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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The subject matter of this application appears to:

be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).

□"have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency (ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example must appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

If the invention disclosed in this application was developed under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement between the Agency indicated above and a person, small business or non-profit organization and rights to the invention have been determined by specific reference to 35 U.S.C. 202 in the contract, grant or cooperative agreement, then applicant need not submit the statement described above. Instead, applicant may file a verified statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration, 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth the information required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(6).

IF NO STATEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE MAIL DATE INDICATED ABOVE, a formal requirement for statement will then be issued. No provision is made for extension of the statutory thirty-day period for response to the formal requirement and the penalty for failure to file an acceptable and timely statement is abandonment of the application. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a statement at this time in order to avoid the issuance of a formal requirement.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE that the statement must accurately represent the property rights situation of the claimed invention if and when the application is found allowable. Thus, if during prosecution before the examiner, the claimed invention is so altered or the property rights situation so changed as to impact the accuracy of a statement submitted earlier, a supplemental statement must be filed. Failure to submit such additional information where appropriate may be considered a false representation of material facts and render the patent owner vulnerable to loss of patent rights and other sanctions as set forth in the statutes. The PTO will not review allowed applications for this possibility. The responsibility for complying with the statutes rests with the applicants.

Any questions regarding this requirement should be directed to Licensing and Review at (703) 306-4191.

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